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Six arrested during Iraq war protest

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Jessi Jungblut stood at the window of a Chapel Hill Police Department vehicle Friday afternoon trying to understand what her handcuffed roommate Sara Joseph was saying to her from the back seat of the car.

"I'm so proud of her," Jungblut, a UNC senior said as her roommate sat under arrest in front of Democratic U.S. Rep. David Price's Chapel Hill office. "Last time people occupied his office he changed his vote, so it seems like a big step."

Any sound she could have heard through the glass window was drowned out as police carried out N.C. State University graduate student Dante Strobino who

screamed "end the occupation" repeatedly until he was secured in the seat next to Joseph.

Nearly 30 people standing around the police car with anti-war signs joined in his chant as the six protesters who staged a sit-in in Price's office were arrested for first-degree trespassing.

UNC students Alisan Fathalizadeh, Ben Carroll, Tamara Tal and Laura Bickford joined Joseph and Strobino in a meeting with Price's aides at 2:45 p.m. on behalf of UNC Students for a Democratic Society and Raleigh's Fight Imperialism Stand Together, the two groups organizing the protest.

The first person was arrested about 30 minutes later.

"We had a conversation with

them for 15 to 20 minutes before we decided to sit down," Carroll said. "We felt like they weren't listening to us, and we felt like we were getting the same rhetorical answers as always."

"We wanted to make it clear that we were not leaving until he heard us."

Neither Price nor his aides could be reached for comment.

The property manager of the building located at 88 Vilcom Center in Chapel Hill, at the request of those working in Price's office, asked the police already on site to arrest the students.

All were released within a few hours on unsecured bail ranging between \$500 and \$750 with an agreement to appear in court in March.

Carroll said that one of Price's aides called the Washington, D.C., office to notify the congressman of the sit-in before an arrest was made.

Price spoke in the U.S. House on Wednesday to demand the end to the occupation of Iraq and voice his concerns with increasing the number of troops.

"There should be no doubt about the support from this Congress and, indeed, from the American people for those who risk their lives to defend our nation," Price said. "As a nation, we have learned to sincerely honor the warrior, even when we disagree with the war."

Price, with Rep. Brad Miller, D-N.C., proposed a bill last month to

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DTH/JENNY TENNEY
Police officers carry UNC student Tamara Tal out backward of David Price's Chapel Hill office Friday after protesters sat down and refused to leave.

Major construction sites on campus

Here's a look at a few of the construction sites on campus and when they are estimated to be complete.

1 Memorial to Carolina Alumni Lost in War

Start date: January 2006
Estimated completion: February 2007
• creation of a memorial to those Carolina alumni who have been lost in war located outside of Memorial Hall

2 Science Complex Phase II-Sitterson Addition/Kenan Renovations

Start date: December 2006
Estimated completion: May 2008
• renovations to Kenan Laboratories
• addition to Sitterson Hall
• new science building (possibly named New Venable)

3 Greenlaw

Start date: December 2005
Estimated completion: August 2007
• renovations of general purpose classrooms
• modifications to provide handicapped accessibility

4 Daniels Student Store Renovation

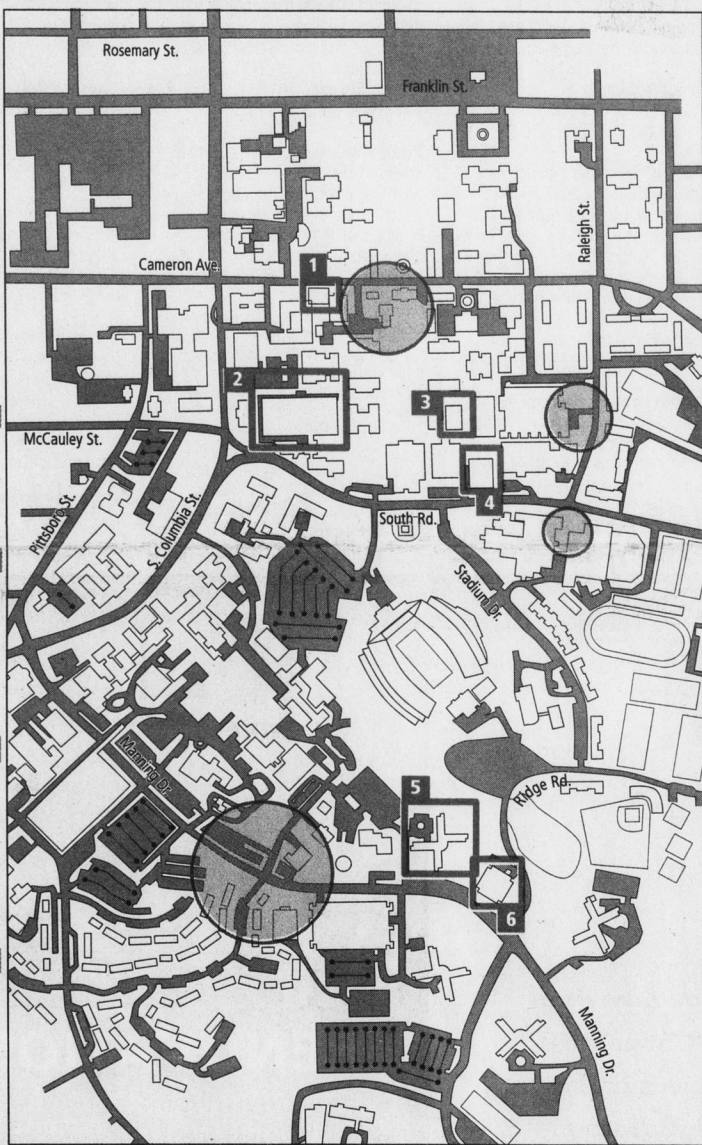
Start date: August 2005
Estimated completion: May 2007
• upgrade the building's mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems
• improvements to meet the accessibility, fire/life safety and health requirements
• architectural improvements

5 Morrison Residence Hall Renovation

Start Date: May 2005
Estimated Completion: July 2007
• building/system upgrades and creative conversion of residence space
• structural and electrical upgrades
• potential for apartment-style conversion on several of the top floors
• potential suite bath upgrades

6 Student and Academic Services

Start date: October 2005
Estimated completion: April 2007
• a new 116,000-square-foot building to consolidate a number of student support services
• current administrative buildings will return to academic use.



These identify other areas that are currently under construction, but without additional information presented.

SOURCE: HTTP://CONSTRUCTIONWATCH.UNC.EDU

DTH/LINDSAY DUBOIS

A LOOK AT CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION WORKERS

A constructed community

Amid projects, workers abound



BY BLAIR BYRUM
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At UNC the shortest distance between two points is often a construction zone. With so many projects in the works, men in orange hats are almost as familiar as students in Carolina blue.

Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities planning and construction, said the University is working on about 150 projects, manned by about 850 workers. That's about one construction worker for every 20 undergraduate students.

Although dozens of companies have to be hired to complete this amount of work, Runberg said, the University has no permanent affiliation with any one construction group.

"There are a number of companies, designers and contractors who tend to do good work and get additional work," he said.

When it comes to finding the manpower necessary to get the job done, Runberg said each project is on its own.

"Workers are hired by contractors and subcontractors," Runberg said, adding that construction workers are not University employees.

Sid Stone, director of construction management, said the University has lists of the contractors and subcontractors on campus — but not every worker they hire. Because the University does not monitor the hiring process closely, there are few safeguards to pre-

MONDAY SPOTLIGHT

Top contracts awarded for active projects

- > 1. Hunt Construction (Genetic Medicine Building): \$89,638,589
- > 2. Clancy & Theys Construction Co. (Manning phase II): \$27,427,000
- > 3. TA Loving Co. (Northeast Chiller): \$27,223,950
- > 4. Centex Construction (Science complex phase II): \$25,721,168
- > 5. Barnhill Contracting Co. (Global Education Center): \$24,773,248

Source: www.fpc.unc.edu

vent a construction company from hiring someone with a criminal record.

"That's really a company policy," Stone said. "They're responsible for hiring."

"I can't say the University polices that because I can't control every subcontractor on down the line, but I don't think we've had a problem with that."

Some of the larger construction companies, such as Skanska USA Building Inc., run background checks on the potential employees, said the company's communications representative Kelli Raulerson. But smaller, local subcontractors might not have the

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Supreme Court backs CAA tickets

Ruling puts limit on Congress power

BY MAC MOLLISON
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The Student Supreme Court's ruling against Student Congress last week could turn out to be a landmark case.

The decision, which was released late Thursday, nullified legislation Congress passed last semester to deprive student government officials and Carolina Athletic Association members of

tickets granted to them outside of the general student lottery.

"I'm definitely pleased that we got a precedent set for keeping student tickets out of the Student Code," said Rachel High, president of the CAA, which brought the case against Congress.

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CAA cabinet members receive a total of 28 student-only tickets to **SEE SUPREME COURT, PAGE 5**

Community celebrates Chinese new year

BY ROBIN BURK
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Children stood on a bench to look out of the window of Jade Palace restaurant Saturday as a clown led a drummer and two people dressed as a lion down East Main Street.

The lion dance was part of the restaurant's Chinese New Year's celebration to mark the beginning of the Year of the Boar. Children born this year are expected to have nobility and form lifelong friendships. And having a child this year is said to bring money and luck to families, said Yi Zhou,

a Chinese instructor at UNC. "It's good to have a baby who is going to be rich," she said.

The clown at Jade Palace, played by restaurant co-owner Francis Chan, teased the red-and-gold lion as it danced through the tables in a performance meant to bring prosperity and repel evil spirits.

The Chinese restaurant, which will celebrate its 25th year in November, has gained many regular customers since it first held New Year's events in the 1980s.

Elizabeth Thompson of Chapel Hill said she and her husband have attended the event for several years.

Glenn Thompson, 1, cried when firecrackers sounded to drive off evil

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DTH/ELI SINKUS
Francis Chan, right, wishes Sarah Thompson a happy new year during Jade Palace Restaurant's holiday celebration Saturday.

CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, the Friday front-page story, "Runoff duo ratchets up race for SBP," incorrectly states the last time a candidate placed second in the general election and first in the runoff. It was in 2004 with candidate Matt Calabria. The Daily Tar Heel apologizes for the error.

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GIVING VOICE TO HISTORY Students team up to interview community members

HEARTFELT REUNION N.C. Children's Hospital holds celebration for heart patients

A VIEW OF THE FUTURE U.S. lieutenant general tells students Iraq war will continue

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COMIC COLLECTION
The Carolina Comedy Festival, featuring Lewis Black, experiences growth as it increases its focus on educating young comedians.



this day in history

FEB. 19, 1990 ...
Housing officials decide to delay a student referendum on whether on-campus students would be willing to pay \$30 per semester for basic cable television.

weather

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